

## Message Text

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FOR EUR/NE AND PM

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON TO ASKING CONGRESS TO MODIFY THE PRESENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION SO THAT CERTAIN DAOS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM SPECIFIC ODC TASKS (PRIMARILY THOSE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE). WE ARE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LEGISLATIVE RELIEF WOULD BE SOUGHT FOR ONLY CERTAIN SPECIFIC DAO OFFICES IN EUROPE AND THAT AT PRESENT OSLO IS NOT AMONG THOSE BEING CONSIDERED.

2. SINCE THE NEW LEGISLATION WAS PASSED, WE HAVE MADE VIGOROUS EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE ODC'S WORKLOAD HERE TO GIVE ITS OFFICERS TIME TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPORTANT SECURITY ASSISTANCE MATTERS. IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT IF WE COULD TRANSFER CERTAIN ODC TASKS TO THE DAO, OUR OVERALL EFFICIENCY WOULD BE INCREASED AND WE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO EFFECT ADDITIONAL MANPOWER SAVINGS IN THE MISSION. INDEED, FROM A MANAGEMENT VIEWPOINT, COMBINING THE ODC AND DAO INTO A SINGLE MILITARY AFFAIRS OFFICE WOULD BE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND LOGICAL STEP IN A FRIENDLY ALLIED COUNTRY LIKE NORWAY. (SEE OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT - OSLO 1538).

3. THUS, IF WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE CONSIDERING SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO ALLOW CERTAIN DAOS TO DO SOME ODC TASKS, WE STRONGLY URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADD NORWAY TO THE  
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LIST. IT WOULD BE A SENSIBLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE MOVE HERE.  
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